



## **Hermione Voyage 2015: Yorktown will welcome Governor McAuliffe, French Minister Segolene Royal on Friday, June 5; Full weekend of activities planned**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Governor Terry McAuliffe and French Minister Ségolène Royal are scheduled to join in welcoming the tall ship *Hermione* as she docks at Yorktown, her first host port on her visit to the United States. The *Hermione* is a replica of the 18<sup>th</sup> century French frigate that carried the Marquis de Lafayette from France to America in 1780 bringing additional French support during the Revolutionary War.

A Welcome Ceremony scheduled for 10 a.m. on Friday, June 5, will precede a weekend of activities, including deck tours of the *Hermione* and Jamestown Settlement's *Godspeed*, historical re-enactors, a traveling photo exhibit of the *Hermione*, vendors, entertainment, and more.

Jamestown Settlement's *Godspeed* will be available for deck tours during the three days of the event.

Deck tours are free, but timed tickets are required for access to the boats. Tickets booths will be available on the green area adjacent to the Riverwalk Landing piers. Tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Riverwalk Landing piers will be closed to public boaters Friday through Sunday.

Activities during this special weekend will include a Virginia's Finest Fair on Main Street, historical re-enactors/interpreters, vendors, entertainment, and more.

Public parking for the Friday event will be located at Endview Plantation on Route 238 at its intersection with Jefferson Avenue in Newport News with bus transport to the Yorktown Victory Center and back. Visitors will need to walk from the Victory Center approximately 0.06 miles to the Riverwalk Landing piers where the ceremony will be held. Public parking for Saturday and Sunday will be available throughout Yorktown at several public parking areas.

For a complete schedule of activities, parking and ship tour information, please visit [www.hermioneyorktown.com](http://www.hermioneyorktown.com). For more information, please call the Public Information Office at 890-3300.